

### Remarks

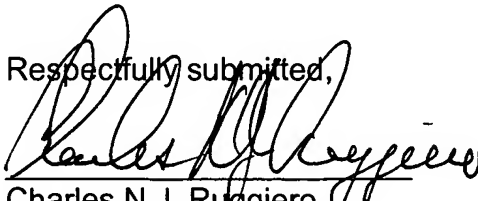
Claims 1 through 15 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 7 were rejected, and have now been canceled. Claims 2 through 6 and 8 through 15 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable.

Applicants sincerely appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 through 6 and 8 through 15. As suggested by the Examiner, the cited claims have been rewritten in independent form and are therefore now in condition for allowance.

The Office Action asserts that claim 1 is unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0203613 to Zhu in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0091167 to Hirai. The Office Action also asserts that claim 7 is anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0149776 to Tsunezumi. Because claims 1 and 7 have been canceled, these rejections are now moot.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims presented in this application are patentably distinguishable over the cited references and combination of references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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